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SOIL EROSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute and the National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land use planning, soil erosion is responsible for the decline in agricultural output; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Soil erosion is one of the factors responsible for the decline in agricultural output in the country.

(b) As per latest estimates nearly 73 and 12 million ha are under water erosion and wind erosion, respectively. Rough estimates show production loss of about 12 million tonnes per annum due to soil erosion in the country.

The Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute, Dehradun has developed several location specific erosion control measures which are being implemented through different integrated watershed management programmes run by various agencies to prevent decline in agricultural productivity. The institute organizes regular training courses to field functionaries for popularizing various erosion control measures.